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Charter School Institute
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Dear Charter School Review Team:

The Ute Mountain Ute Tribal Council is honored to support the Kwiyagat Community Academy. The Kwiyagat Community Academy, a proposed Ute Mountain Ute language and culture charter school in Towaoc, Colorado, will be an important and critical new addition to the educational services in the Montezuma County region of Colorado and in particular, the people of the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe, when it opens in Fall 2021. The Ute Mountain Ute Tribal Council is looking forward to working together with the Academy while building the support and partnerships needed to have a great school.

The Ute Mountain Ute Tribal Council believes that we can aid in the development of the school by providing during the two separate time periods:

(1) Summer 2020-Fall 2021 during start-up phase
Guidance for planning and implementing a Charter School here in Towaoc.
Grant Writing services
Tribal Department cooperation

(2) Fall 2021-on-going during school operations, the Tribe agrees to providing:
- In-kind expenses for the Education Building from the Education Department budget for facility maintenance, custodial services, electric, propane, water, trash, phone and internet services and IT networking as well as property and liability insurance and overseeing any necessary renovation.
- Services from Human Resources Department will assist with hiring, evaluation, payroll and benefits and related services as outlined in the Tribal Policies and Procedures as all employees of the school will be Ute Mountain Ute employees.
- Services from the Finance Department will assist in the Business Manager training of MOM Software for purchasing, accounts receivables and contracts and performing necessary internal audits and contracting with external audit.
- Encouragement for the Elder Committee to participate in school activities and be present for appropriate educational activities with the school and the school children.
- Collaborating with the Health and Recreation Department to support the health and wellness of the school children
- Assistance from Tribal Attorney in relationship to contracts and waivers from state law as related to the school.

Any requests made by the Kwiyagat Community Academy will be considered by the Ute Mountain Ute Tribal Council within reason and budget constraints.

Understanding the Kwiyagatu Community Academy values (1) Ute Cultural and Language, (2) Academic Achievement, (3) Character and Wellness and (4) Community Connections we feel that our support is critical and essential part of making this an excellent school.

Sincerely,

Manuel Heart

Ute Mountain Ute Tribal Council